

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETEL, ITU, PFOR, TSPA, EC, US  
SUBJECT: GEOSYNCHRONOUS SATELLITES

REF: 76 BOGOTA 11894

1. FONMIN JORGE SALVADOR, SPEAKING ON THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF POWER BY THE MILITARY JUNTA ON JANUARY 11, ANNOUNCED THAT A MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENTS OF ECUADOR AND COLOMBIA HAD BEEN SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY. HE SAID THAT THE MEETING WOULD BE HELD AT THE BORDER WHERE THE PUTUMAYO RIVER CROSSES THE EQUATOR. THIS SYMBOLIC LOCATION, SAID SALVADOR, "UNDERLINES THE DECISION OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS TO UNITE THEIR EFFORTS IN DEFENDING THE NATURAL RESOURCE THAT EQUATORIAN COUNTRIES ENJOY IN THE GEOSYNCHRONOUS ORBIT." SALVADOR DID NOT SPECIFY THE DATE FOR THE MEETING, NOR DID HE GIVE ANY DETAILS OF THE AGENDA, APART, PRESUMABLY, FROM THE ORBIT QUESTION.

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2. JANUARY 12 PAPERS ALSO REPORTED THAT THE UNDERSECRETARY OF THE MFA, JOSE AYALA, IS PRESIDING OVER THE ECUADOREAN DELEGATION TO THE ITU CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. PRESUMABLY HE WILL BE TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN SUPPORTING THE VIEW OF THE EQUATORIAN COUNTRIES ON THE GEOSYNCHRONOUS ORBIT ISSUE.

3. COMMENT: AS PREDICTED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, THIS ISSUE APPEARS TO HAVE BECOME ONE OF THE TOP PRIORITIES IN ECUADOREAN FOREIGN POLICY. AS A CONSEQUENCE, EMBASSY IS DISAPPOINTED BY OUR INABILITY TO RESPOND KNOWLEDGEABLY TO ECUADOREAN ARGUMENTS ON THE ISSUE WHEN THEY ARE RAISED. SPECIFICALLY, WE ARE CURIOUS AS TO WHETHER THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALREADY ADDRESSED THE POINTS RAISED IN THE COLOMBIAN FONOFF NOTE TO EMBASSY BOGOTA (REFTEL). WE ARE ALSO WONDERING HOW THE US PLANS TO DEFEND OUR POSITION AT THE GENEVA MEETING.

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